IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO WESTERN DIVISION

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WILLIAM NOSTHEIDE,

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Plaintiff,

Case No. 1:24-cv-00344

MATTHEW W. MCFARLAND

CLARIGENT CORPORATION, et al.,

Defendants.

RESPONSE BY DEFENDANT DONALD WRIGHT, JR. TO ORDER FILED 02/25/25

Defendant Donald Wright Jr. ("Wright") continues to work to obtain legal counsel for himself. As Wright is indigent and unable to pay counsel, this has taken more time than allowed by the Court in its order of 02/25/2025. Wright is filing for personal bankruptcy at this time unless he can find a solution to this situation caused by Plaintiff.

Although this case is fraudulent and without merit and additionally causing undue harm to Wright, for the time being, Wright will proceed **pro se** until he is able to obtain counsel.

Dated: March 20, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBIT A

[see attached]

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WILLIAM NOSTHEIDE,

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Plaintiff,

Judge Matthew W. McFarland

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CLARIGENT CORPORATION, et al.,

Defendants.

ORDER

This matter is before the Court on Attorneys Todd Seaman and Jessica MacKeigan's Motions to Withdraw as Counsel for Defendant Clarigent Corporation and Defendant Donald Wright, Jr. (Docs. 19, 20). For good cause, the Court GRANTS both motions. Attorneys Todd Seaman and Jessica MacKeigan are hereby TERMINATED as counsel of record for Defendant Clarigent Corporation and Defendant Donald Wright, Jr., but they SHALL PROVIDE a copy of this Order to said Defendants.

The Court ORDERS that Defendant Donald Wright, Jr. shall have 30 days to either (i) secure new counsel, who files a notice of appearance; or (ii) file a notice of intent to proceed pro se (through self-representation). Further, the Court ORDERS that Defendant Clarigent Corporation shall have 30 days to obtain counsel. A corporate entity may not represent itself in federal court. See Olagues v. Timken, 908 F.3d 200, 203 (6th Cir. 2018). Defendant Clarigent's failure to retain counsel may therefore result in adverse consequences, including default judgment. See, e.g., Honorable Ord. of Kentucky Colonels,

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Inc. v. Kentucky Colonels Int'l, No. 24-5511, 2024 WL 3912833, at *1 (6th Cir. Aug. 2, 2024);

Youngsoft, Inc. v. Skylife Co., Inc., No. 20-12800, 2021 WL 5411958, at *2 (E.D. Mich. Oct. 12,

2021) ("Courts have ruled that a corporation's failure to retain new counsel after the

withdrawal of its initial counsel is a valid basis for a court to enter a default and a default

judgment against the corporation, notwithstanding that it (through counsel) had

previously filed an answer to the complaint.").

Accordingly, the Court hereby STAYS this matter for 30 days to allow Defendants

the opportunity to obtain new counsel.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

Bv:

JUDGE MATTHEW W. McFARLAND



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